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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: )  
MARC ALIZON et al. )  
Serial No.: 08/177,920 ) Group Art Unit: unknown  
Filed: January 6, 1994 ) Examiner: unknown  
For: DIAGNOSTIC KITS AND METHODS )  
FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE )  
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY )  
VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) (as )  
amended) )

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

19. (Amended) An *in vitro* diagnostic method for the detection of the presence or absence of antibodies which bind to antigens of a human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) comprising:

(a) contacting a biological sample with one or more peptides selected from the group consisting of: